

LIFE SENTENCE PENALTY FOR SOLDIER'S DEATH

HENRY MEREDITH CON- VICTED OF MURDER.

Two Main Witnesses Practically Convict Themselves by Their Own Evidence.

The supreme penalty—life imprisonment—must be paid by Henry Meredith, colored, who was Monday afternoon in the criminal court convicted of the murder of Private Frank L. Sweeney, of Camp Greenleaf. Meredith was guilty, as are Holman Stevens and Homer McWhorter, by their own statements, and unless the supreme court reverses the statute which reads that anyone is guilty of murder who is present and participating, then the three negroes will serve life sentences. Neither of the negroes denied their presence and that they chased Sweeney, but McWhorter and Stevens said that Meredith fired the shot which killed Sweeney while Meredith charged that McWhorter fired the shot which ended the life of Sweeney. Anyhow, the state's insistence and Judge McKinnon's charge to the jury were that if the three men were present and chasing Sweeney as they said they were, and that Sweeney met his death as the result of the chase, then it mattered not who fired the shot, for the other two men were present and participating and equally as guilty of murder as was the man who fired the shot.

W. J. Counts, who represented Meredith, put up a game fight for his client and made an able speech in his behalf, but his client's own statement was against an argument in favor of his acquittal. Able arguments by Gen. George W. Chambliss and C. A. Noone, for the state, were made for conviction. Gen. Chambliss, in his argument, stated that it was unfortunate that the death penalty, which had been passed for just such murders, had been abolished, and the negroes, if convicted, would only be given a life sentence. The cases of Stevens and McWhorter were called Friday and the same instance was called by the state in these cases as in the case of Meredith.

Meredith is an ignorant, powerfully built negro, with an ugly stare which betrays his absolute disregard for human life. However, he was not a bad man, he made a better witness than was expected, and, during the detail of the affair by him, never made a bobble. He did not deny that he was present with the negroes and chased Sweeney, but stated that while the chase was in progress McWhorter borrowed his pistol and shot at Sweeney and then handed the pistol back. If this in itself be true, the witness was as guilty of murder as could be. Stevens and McWhorter told the same story, and they said Meredith fired the shot. This makes them all also.

The trial of the case was an interesting one and was the first case of consequence for the new attorney-general and his assistant. However, when the case began it was seen that Gen. Chambliss and Assistant Attorney-General W. F. McGaughy had built, step by step, a strong case against the negroes. Not a stone had been left unturned from the transcript in the police court, the transcript at the coroner's inquest to the testimony of the witnesses before the grand jury. Probably the best piece of work done by the attorney-general's office was the indicting and bringing back to this city of Mc-

Why Society Women Wash Their Own Hair

They do, not because it is a fad, but because they wish to obtain the greatest possible hair beauty and be sure they are not using anything harmful. They have found that in washing the hair it is never wise to use a makeshift, but is always advisable to use a preparation made for shampooing only. Many of our friends say they get the best result from a simple home-made Canthrox mixture. You can use this at a cost of about 3 cents a shampoo by getting some Canthrox from your druggist and dissolving a teaspoonful in a cup of hot water. This makes enough shampoo liquid to apply to all the hair instead of just the top of the head, as with most preparations. Dandruff, excess oil and dirt are dissolved and entirely disappear in the rinsing water. Your hair will be so fluffy that it will look much heavier than it is. Its luster and softness will also delight you.

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CORPL. ROSS GRAHAM

Official notice has been received here of the death of Ross G. Graham, another Chattanooga boy who has paid the supreme sacrifice on the fighting



Chattanooga Boy Who Paid Supreme Sacrifice When the Marines Turned the Tide at the Marne.

front in France. The young corporal enlisted Dec. 12 with the marines and was with his regiment during the valiant and spectacular offensive on the Marne which started things in action eastward early in June. Though no information has been obtained as to where he received his mortal wound, it is believed that it was in this battle. He died in a hospital June 16. He was 24 years old.

Young Graham was with the 144th company, 3rd replacement corps. Letters have been received here telling that this organization was almost entirely wiped out.

After undergoing his preliminary training at Paris Island, Corp. Graham was given an opportunity to attend an officers' training camp. He declined the offer, however, in his eagerness to get to the front.

Ross Graham was widely known in local real estate circles as a traveling freight agent for the Southern railroad, making Mobile his headquarters, and as he was promoted to this position when he was barely 21 years old, he was probably the youngest man in that responsible position in the employ of the road.

He is survived by a father, John A. Graham; two brothers, W. A. Graham, a civil engineer with the Southern, and J. H. Graham, of Blaine, Ala., and three sisters.

Letters were received from him advising of his participation with the marines in the battle of the Marne, and as no word was heard after that time the family accepts this as conclusive evidence that it was there he met his death.

Whorter, who was practically released in the police court and exonerated of all blame. However, despite the fact that McWhorter had enlisted in the army and left the city he was indicted and located, and Sheriff Robert P. Bass left Saturday and returned Sunday with him. Many have listened to the evidence believing that McWhorter is really the one who fired the shot that ended Sweeney's life. No motion picture of the crime other than that which was brought out. Those who listened to the evidence yesterday believe that the trial of the murder has never been mentioned.

COLORED CONVERTS BAPTIZED IN RIVER

For the past several days Rev. H. K. Kennedy, pastor of the Second Baptist church, colored, has been conducting a revival campaign especially for the benefit of colored selectmen. A climax to the meeting was reached Sunday afternoon, when nineteen converts were baptized in the river. A large crowd witnessed the solemn ceremonies.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT NOT PARTY TO OFFER, REPORT

Amerstam, Sept. 17.—The German government had no previous knowledge of the note Austria-Hungary recently dispatched inviting the belligerents to a conference. It is reported in authoritative German circles, according to the Vienna newspapers.

KIWANIS CLUBMEN TALK OF THEIR WAR ECONOMIES

Tuesday's meeting of the Kiwanis club was a "family meeting" and each member of the club was given ample opportunity to express himself on the things which he thought best for the good of the club.

Each member of the club was allowed a few minutes to explain the economy moves which he had inaugurated in his office, and the discussion resulted in quite a number of good ideas being presented.

\$2,000,000 DEVELOPMENT PREDICTED FOR PARK

10,000 MORE SELECTMEN HERE BY OCT. 16.

Tennessee Boys Train Here. Fifty Thousand Now Stationed at Park.

Predictions that the number of troops at Chickamauga is to be greatly enlarged in the near future are partially substantiated by press dispatches from Washington today, announcing that 181,884 draft men will be sent to army camps before Oct. 16, and that of this number, 9,145 will come to Chickamauga.

Kumora have taken wings in this community in this regard, and apparently based upon substantial information, declarations are most optimistic for the expansion of the camps. That they will be virtually doubled is one assertion. The \$2,000,000 contract is to be let for the erection of cantonments, and that the Park-Grimes contracting company of this city expects to do the work, is another.

Mr. John Parks is now in Washington and is endeavoring to secure the contract, either to confirm or deny the possibility, at the company's offices.

It became definitely known this morning, however, that this concern has secured a contract to construct a large warehouse on the park, but neither the cost nor the location could be learned.

Fred Cantrell, of the plumbing company that bears his name, is also in Washington. Though no information is obtainable from this source, it is known that he is working to secure government contracts.

50,000 Troops at Park.

Though troops are being sent to Chickamauga and moved to other training camps very rapidly now, so that it is difficult to secure a definite estimate on their number, there are now probably more troops there than there has been since the beginning of the war. This number is roughly estimated at 50,000. This is now chiefly composed of medical and sanitary units.

Draft Men Coming.

The announcement from Washington is that the selectmen to be sent to Greenleaf between now and Oct. 16, will be class A-1 men, qualified for general service. These men will entrain from their homes between the dates of Oct. 7 and 11. In a few instances men who registered last Thursday will be included in this induction, but for the most part, they will be new to the army.

June 10, 1918, and August, 1918, registration, that is, men who had just reached the age of 21.

Tennesseeans Train Here. Another feature of the new order is that 3,882 Tennessee draft men who will be included in the next induction will be attached to the medical and sanitation units at Greenleaf and trained here. This will mean that boys from Chattanooga will be trained for overseas service at Chickamauga.

The quotas from the several states which will be sent to Greenleaf, are as follows: Tennessee, 3,882; Connecticut, 1,710; Florida, 448; Georgia, 2,359; Mississippi, 592; South Carolina, 148.

CONVALESCENTS TO GO TO SIGNAL MOUNTAIN

Service League Gets Free Transportation for Wednesday Afternoon.

One hundred convalescent soldiers from the base hospital at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., will be taken to Signal Mountain Wednesday afternoon. Arrangements have been made by Mrs. Adolph Shumacker, of the recreation committee, for the convalescents to go to Signal Mountain for the afternoon. C. E. Jamieson, of the Signal Mountain, has offered transportation for the entire number from the city to the mountain, but automobiles are very much needed to convey the soldiers from the hospital to the mountain. Those having cars to offer are requested by the league to notify Mrs. Shumacker.

The special car will leave the city at 1:30 and the plan is to have the crowd all together at the starting point on Broad street by 1:15. Signal Mountain Red Cross will serve refreshments for the guests.

The plans as outlined were reported by Mrs. Shumacker Tuesday morning to the National League of Women Service. The league served lunch today at the traction demonstration at the Crabtree farm. Members of the league filled several automobiles that went out at 10 o'clock.

The demonstration will continue Wednesday, and in response to about a five minute call from Mrs. P. A. Brawner, chairman, any number of handshakes were promised by the different ladies, among whom were Mrs. James W. C. Thatcher, Jr., Wellington Barnes, H. Goodman, Miss Zella Armstrong and others.

Mrs. Morris Temple reported that sixteen programs were given at the army "Y's" on Sunday afternoon, and told of a day during the week when 5,000 soldiers composed an open air audience at one program, and paid excellent attention.

She also read a letter from Ottokar Cadek, who left here about two weeks ago to enter the service. He is at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., and has been awarded to the band.

He said there were wild rumors about their being sent away, anywhere from Siberia to Italy, and it was possible that they wouldn't stay there more than a month.

Mrs. G. G. Browne reported that booths had been engaged by different clubs for handling the soft drinks at the district fair for the Service League. Mrs. Herman Ferger expressed to the league, the appreciation of the registrants for the most excellent lunches served them on registration day.

GEORGE BENNETT AUTHOR OF PATRIOTIC SELECTION

Although he fell short in the necessary physical requirements when examined at Camp Sherman, where he was sent on July 18 as a selectman, George Bennett, colored, is not one whit less patriotic. He is proud of the loyalty of members of his race, proud of the bravery and daring of American soldiers who are doing their bit for world democracy at home and abroad, and he is anxious for time to come when wars are no more and when peace reigns supreme. He has composed the words of a song which he hopes to have set to music.

Bennett's composition tells of the colored men who do toward winning the war. He says:

"Now show me the book where it says a black man will run, all we want is ammunition and there will be some fun." In one verse of the poem he states that the black man will "bring the bacon home."

THIS MAN HAS SOME NAME

And Yet His Family Just Call Him Plain "Toby."

There may be nothing in a name and a rose would not doubt smell as sweet under any other name and it may be that a fellow will fight as well under one name as another, but there is feeling that the bearer of the name of Robert E. Lee should make a first-class fighting man, but how about this name?

Lieut. Keith Decorated

Nephew of Senator J. B. Frazier Convalescent in French Hospital.

First Lieutenant Alexander H. Keith, of Althaus, has received a cross of the Legion of Honor. Lieut. Keith was wounded Aug. 11 in an airplane battle with a foe. Although severely wounded in the left side, Lieut. Keith continued fighting until the enemy had fled. He was later removed to a French hospital in Paris. This hospital was founded by Princess Mervat. The operation was performed by French surgeons. The wound was particularly aggravated by the fact that the bullet as it pierced the side carried with it bits of wool and fur from the heavy coat worn by the daring aviator. The operation was skillfully and successfully carried out and the young lieutenant is steadily improving. He hopes to be removed soon to an American hospital.

Lieut. Keith is a nephew of Senator and Mrs. J. B. Frazier.

Tobias Peter Price Perry Parker Smith, an dthis is the real name of a colored registrant from the Third ward in the recent registration.

His family do not use all of these names when talking to him, but they just call him "Toby" and Toby Smith is a well-known resident of the Third ward, and few people perhaps knew he bore the euphonious cognomen as officially appeared on his registration card and which will be used officially when he is called for service. His army comrades may perhaps just call him Toby for it would no doubt prove too much of a burden to bear this elongated name in addition to the huge ordinary fighting man is required to carry when on duty at the fighting front.

An assurance of the burdensomeness of this name was also shown by Toby himself, for when he came to sign his registration card he just wrote Tobias P. P. P. P. Smith.

TWO BELIEVED TO BE DEAD IN BIG FIRE

Estimated Loss of \$175,000 by Fire in Chemical Plant in Frankford, Pa.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 17.—Two men are believed to be dead, several workmen are unaccounted for and a large fire swept the chemical plant of the Barrett Manufacturing company early today in Frankford.

The loss is estimated at \$175,000. It is believed that the fire was of incendiary origin.

The fire broke out in a building containing a large tank of naphtha, which exploded in a terrific report, the burning fluid being scattered in other chemical stills, which in turn exploded.

HAL CLEMENTS HEADS STATE COMMITTEE

Republicans Choose Knoxville Man as Successor of John W. Overall.

Nashville, Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Hal Clements, of Knoxville, was today elected chairman to the republican state executive committee and A. V. McClain, of Lewisburg, secretary. Mr. Clements succeeds John W. Overall, of Nashville, while Mr. McClain has been secretary of the committee for several years. Congressman Sam R. Sells and Hon. J. Will Taylor, nominees for congress from the First and Second districts; Mayor Jesse M. Littleton, of Chattanooga; and H. C. Evans, of Chattanooga, party nominees for United States senator, addressed the committee on preparations for the November election.

CALL 1,000 MORE NEGROES No Date Set, But Man Go to Chillicothe Soon.

Induction call No. 1,380 for 1,000 colored men for the state has been received by the local bureau and the men are to entrain during the next few weeks for Chillicothe, O.

This is a part of the movement of 10,000 colored men who are to come from southern states.

The following are the allotments to the boards in Chattanooga: City board No. 1, 70; city board No. 2, 40; county board No. 1, 5; county board No. 2, 34.

WALL STREET AFFECTED BY RUMORS ABOUT KAISER

New York, Sept. 17.—(A. P.)—In the absence of any more definite reason, unconfirmed reports which were circulated to the effect that the German emperor had abdicated or was about to do so were considered in some quarters to be responsible for a hurried moving movement during the final hour, which carried up prices substantially. United States Steel advancing 1 point beyond yesterday's close and Canadian Pacific 4 points. The closing today was firm.

CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES UNDER INVESTIGATION

Washington, Sept. 17.—Primary campaign expenditures of candidates for congress in New York, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, West Virginia and several other states are under investigation by the department of justice to ascertain whether there were violations of the federal statutes limiting election expenditures.

Both republican and democratic candidates are understood to be among those whose accounts are to be inquired into.

A Dead Stomach

Of What Use Is It? Thousands of people throughout America are taking the slow death treatment daily. They are murdering their own stomachs, and then they wonder why they are putting aside the laws of nature.

This is no secret at all; it is a startling fact, the truth of which any honorable physician will not deny. These thousands of people are swallowing burning huge quantities of poison and other strong digesters, made especially to digest the food in the stomach without any aid from the digestive membrane of the stomach.

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HONOR SYSTEM FOR GIRLS AT CRITTENTON

SYSTEM TO BE ENTIRELY REVERSED AT ONCE.

Eight Make Their Escape—Protest Criticized for Severe Treatment.

Board members of the Florence Crittenton Home association met Tuesday morning and voted to attempt to carry out what is known as a "honor system" at the home in St. Elmo. This plan was unanimously adopted after a talk by the president, Mrs. Joe Brown, who has just returned from a trip to Colorado, where she visited the state penitentiary and saw the "honor system" carried out on an elaborate scale. She declared she came back convinced that the only way to deal with people in a human way, and by those who are interested in the development of their future. The system was discussed at length before being finally adopted, but those who were present expressed themselves as believing that they had lost a large number of girls by the methods they were following in the home and that the honor system is the only way to correct the situation. While the sixteen protest guards that are placed at the home will not be removed, a committee from the Florence Crittenton board will probably visit the government officials and request that the guards be placed on the outside of the home and at a sufficient distance so that the women of the home will not have to continuously be reminded of the fact that they are being guarded. The gates to the home will not be thrown open, as is the plan carried out by the larger institutions, but the girls who are placed in the home for treatment will be placed more or less on their honor. The women who are interested in them will endeavor to make things just as home-like as possible and encourage the girls in work of different kinds.

The escape of eight girls Sunday night was discussed and the severe measures which the protest guard used in recapturing one of the girls was very much criticized. Members of the board all agreed that the women sent to the home would have to be handled in a very diplomatic way. Some of the girls who escaped had been punished for using profane language in the home and the matron put them on a bread and water diet. The future no punishment of this kind will be resorted to.

"Over the Top." In referring to their escape one of the members of the board remarked that some of the girls had remarked to her on a recent visit to the home that they were "going over the top" if they were "shot in the act." By this they meant they were going to escape, just as they did. She stated further that they told her the reason why they were going to do it, but she didn't announce at the meeting the reason they gave. However, it is supposed the excuse given was the discipline which they had been placed under. The women are not discouraged in the least that a few of their charges should escape, but feel that the girls of this type will have to be given more personal attention, and the board members all stated they thought the special attention worth while.

Among those who attended the meeting were Mesdames Joe Brown, president; Theo. King, J. F. Finlay, F. L. Underwood, Will Cummings and others.

MEXICAN REBELS ATTACK AND DAMAGE POWER LINE

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 17.—An unconfirmed report that rebels under Higinio Aguilar had attacked and damaged the power plant or power transmission line which furnishes electricity for Mexico City was received here from Chihuahua City today, but no date was given for the attack.

CAROLINA COURT PASSES ON DIVORCE CASES

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 17.—A divorce granted in another state to a citizen of Carolina will not be recognized in South Carolina, unless the other spouse was personally served in the state in which the divorce was granted, thereby conferring jurisdiction of the court over his or her rights, is a decision just handed down by the supreme court of South Carolina. The decision came in the case of Sam Dunkin, who had obtained a divorce in another state.

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FEW DISTRESS WARRANTS ISSUED DURING QUARTER

County Court Clerk's Report Shows Only \$78.75 Collected in This Manner.

Despite the fact that there has been much said regarding a number of distress warrants issued by County Court Clerk Charles E. Watson, the monthly report of that official shows this to be untrue. Out of \$13,514.91 paid Tuesday by Mr. Watson as the money collected for August only \$78.75 of this amount was collected on distress warrants. Three of the distress warrants issued were at the instance of the revenue collector.

Of the \$13,514.91 collected by Mr. Watson \$7,524.55 was from the county fund, \$2,540.35 from the roads and \$3,348.29 from the schools.

REPUBLICANS WILL WORK ON PLATFORM

Committee Promises to Spring Some Surprises in New Planks.

Chairman R. L. Burgette has called an executive session of the republican platform committee for Wednesday at 3 o'clock. The meeting will be held in the office of register and will also be attended by the republican candidates for the legislature. It was stated the republicans would spring some surprises in their platform. The committee was appointed by Chairman John Tinker, of the executive committee, last Saturday following a motion made giving him the authority to do so.

BRAZIL TO SEND YOUNG MEN TO UNITED STATES

Washington, Sept. 17.—The Brazilian government is about to send a large number of young men to the United States to study agriculture, veterinary science, electricity and other subjects. Secretary Lansing said today he had been informed that the plan had received cordial approval in the Rio Janeiro press.

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